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SUBJECT: WHA: ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

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1. USDEL APPROACHED LEBANESE DEL EARLY MAY 19 PER REFTEL. THEY DECLINED TO ACCEPT PROPOSED SUBSTITUTIONS, EXPLAINING THAT (A) IT WAS TOO LATE, (B) CO-SPONSORS (SEE BELOW) WOULD BE HARD TO PERSUADE, AND, (C) IN ANY CASE "INVASION" WAS RPT WAS THE RIGHT WORD TO USE. THEY URGED THAT WE NOT PRESS FOR A VOTE AND THANKED US FOR INFORMING THEM IN ADVANCE OF WHAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE.

2. WHEN ITEM CAME BEFORE COMMITTEE B FEW HOURS LATER, USDEL WAITED UNTIL NINE DELEGATIONS HAD SPOKEN IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE TAKING FLOOR TO SAY CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE SHAPING UP BUT IF MATTER WENT TO VOTE US WOULD ABSTAIN. THEN MADE STATEMENT PER REFTEL (PARA 3). THERE WERE FURTHER STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION. FINALLY, LIBYA CALLED FOR VOTE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT SPAIN AND OTHERS MANAGED TO HEAD THIS OFF. RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE. ISRAEL (WITH WHOM WE HAD CONSULTED BEFOREHAND) THEN MADE STATEMENT CHALLENGING ACCURACY OF ALLEGATIONS IN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND DEPLORING POLITICIZATION OF WHO.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED

FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THIRTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
AGENDA ITEM 3.13.5

COORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM: HEALTH
AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

(DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS:
FRANCE, GHANA, GREECE, NEPAL, SPAIN, SENEGAL AND
YUGOSLAVIA)

THE THIRTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY,

MINDFUL OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE HEALTH OF ALL PEOPLES
IS BASIC TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY;

RECALLING THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS WHA29.40 AND WHA30.27;

NOTING THAT HEALTH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON
REMAINS URGENTLY NECESSARY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE
CONSEQUENCES OF THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THE ISRAELI
INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE
DESTRUCTION OF VARIOUS HEALTH AND MEDICAL FACILITIES,
IN INJURIES AND MUTILATION TO MANY PERSONS, AND IN THE
FLIGHT OF THOUSANDS OF INHABITANTS WHO ARE LIVING IN
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WRETCHED CONDITIONS.

1. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL REGARDING THE HEALTH AND MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED AND THANKS HIM FOR HIS
EFFORTS;

2. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS
THAT HAVE HELPED WHO EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGE ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARD TO HEALTH AND MEDICAL ASSIST-
ANCE TO LEBANON;

3. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO CONTINUE AND
INTENSIFY THE ORGANIZATION'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL ASSIST-
ANCE TO LEBANON, WITH DUE REGARD TO THE DISTRESSING NEW
SITUATION CREATED BY THE INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON,
ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE,
FUNDS FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET AND OTHER FINANCIAL
RESOURCES, AND TO REPORT TO THE THIRTY-SECOND WORLD
HEALTH ASSEMBLY. END TEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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